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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 05712

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SUBJECT : TRAVEL OF INDICTED TAIWAN PROVINCIAL
- ASSEMBLY MEMBER SU HUNG YUEH-CHIAO

REF : (A) TAIPEI 5354, (B) STATE 205470

1. TAIWAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLYWOMAN SU HUNG YUEH-CHIAO
(5685/3163/2588/1293) WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT
ON CHARGES OF FORGERY (REF A) TODAY INFORMED EMBASSY
BY NOTE THAT SHE PLANS TO DEPART TAIPEI ON SINGAPORE
AIRLINES FOR JAPAN AUGUST 25. SU'S NOTE STATES SHE
PLANS TO VISIT HER DAUGHTER IN JAPAN WHO IS SOON
EXPECTING A CHILD. AFTER THE BIRTH SU PLANS TO
VISIT THE U.S. AND THEN RETURN TO TAIWAN IN APPROXIMATELY
ONE MONTH.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF ANY VISA GIVEN TO SU; SU
MAY PLAN TO APPLY FOR A VISA IN JAPAN.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF UNFINISHED MATTER OF SU'S TRIAL
WE ARE SURPRISED THAT SHE INTENDS TO LEAVE AND WONDER
WHETHER SHE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN DOING SO. COURTS CAN
REQUEST THAT EXIT PERMITS BE WITHHELD IN SOME CASES;
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HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY HAVE DONE SO IN SU'S
CASE. SU HAS DEMONSTRATED AN APPARENT LACK OF
SOPHISTICATION REGARDING THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF HER CASE
AND MAY BE BEHAVING EMOTIONALLY WITHOUT FULL REGARD FOR
LEGAL COMPLICATIONS. HER SUDDEN DEPARTURE (IF
SUCCESSFUL) WILL CERTAINLY APPEAR SUSPECT TO MANY,
PROBABLY INCLUDING THE GROC, WHO MAY ASSUME THAT SU IS

ATTEMPTING PERMANENTLY TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. IF SU GOES TO THE U.S., THE ROC MAY SUSPECT U.S. MIGHT INTEND TO ASSIST HER IN AVOIDING PROSECUTION.

4. FOR TOKYO: REQUEST TOKYO INFORM TAIPEI AND DEPARTMENT IF SU APPLIES FOR VISA. ALSO, INDICATE TYPE OF VISA AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING HER TRAVEL PLANS AND CONTACTS IN THE U.S. UNGER

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